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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Attention: PCT OFFICE

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/GB98/02711. The following amendments pertain to the claims as amended.

Please note that the amended claim pages 52-54 attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Annexes) and submitted herewith, have replaced the originally filed claim pages 52-53 of the application. The claims to be examined and amended by this preliminary amendment are found on amended pages 52-54.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

## IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 4, line 1, please cancel "or claim 2".

Claim 9, line 1, please cancel "any one of claims 6 to 7" and insert - -claim 6- -.

Claim 10, line 1, please cancel "any one of claims 6 to 9" and insert - -